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SMECTITE CLAYS TO
FACILITATE EXFOLIATION**

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Title: PROCESS FOR TREATING SMECTITE CLAYS TO FACILITATE EXFOLIATION	Examiner: K Sanders Group/Art Unit: 1714 Assignee: Southern Clay Products, Inc. Recorded at Reel 01 1079, Frame 0018	
Power of Attorney in Prior Application: Eric B. Meyertons Conley, Rose, & Tayon, P.C. P.O. Box 398 Austin, Texas 78767-0398		

1. ☐ Filing Fee

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☐ A Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Conley, Rose, & Tayon, P.C., Deposit Account No. 501505/EBM. **One duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.**

2. ☒ Specification
7 pages of specification; 2 pages of claims (claims 1-9), 1 page of abstract
3. ☒ Drawings
Informal Figures 1-8 on 8 sheets

4. ☒ Oath or Declaration

☐ Newly executed

☒ Copy from a prior application (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))

Deletion of Inventor(s) (in continuation or divisional applications):

☐ Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior non-provisional application:

☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a signed sheet attached hereto.

5. ☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application(s) referred to above is/are considered to be part of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

☐ Computer Readable copy

☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)

☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

8. ☒ Copy of Assignment from prior application

9. ☒ Notice of Recordation of Assignment from prior application

10. Power of Attorney

☐ Copy is attached.

☐ The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

☐ Copies of IDS Citations

☒ The Commissioner is hereby specifically requested to make the IDS(s), as well as any prior art of record in the prior application(s), of record in connection with this application.

12. Amendments

☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed (12 pages)

☒ A submission of clean versions of Amendments (2 pages)

☐ Cancel in this application claim(s) _____ before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: _____.

13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

14. Small Entity Status

☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.

☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior non-provisional application and such status is still proper and desired.

☐ Is no longer claimed.

15. ☐ Priority of foreign application number _____, filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d)

16. ☐ Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 136 for Extension of Time

17. ☐ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

18. ☐ Other: _____

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